

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 (Canceled).

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Cont
23. (New) An integrated circuit comprising:
a color sensor array having a plurality of sensor elements of two different colors, arranged in rows and columns;
a first reset shift register having a plurality of outputs, each output being coupled to control a reset of some of the sensor elements that are in a respective one of the rows of the array;
a wordline shift register having a plurality of outputs, each output being coupled to control a readout of the sensor elements that are in a respective one of the rows of the array; and
control logic coupled to feed (a) the reset shift register with a pair of reset bits and (b) the wordline shift register with a read bit, and to operate the reset and wordline shift registers so that the pair of reset bits and the read bit shift through their respective registers while an image frame is being captured, with one of the reset bits always being one or more rows behind the read bit, to generate a correlated double sampling pixel reset value after each pixel integrated intensity value, and the other reset bit being one or more rows ahead of the read bit, to mark the start of integration.
24. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 23 wherein the plurality of sensor elements of the color sensor array are of red, green, and blue colors.
25. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 24 wherein the plurality of sensor elements are CMOS active pixel elements with an RGB color filter array that has a Bayer pattern, the sensor array having no more than two reset metal lines for each row.

26. (New) The integrated circuit of claim 23 further comprising second and third reset shift registers each having a plurality of outputs, each of first, second, and third registers being coupled to control a reset of sensor elements of only one color, wherein the control logic is further coupled to feed (a) the second reset shift register with a pair of reset bits and (b) the third reset shift register with only one reset bit, and wherein the sensor elements whose reset is controlled by the third reset shift register have the longest integration time of the array.

27. (New) A system comprising:
a color sensor array having a plurality of sensor elements of two different colors, arranged in rows and columns, the elements of each column being coupled to share a respective one of a plurality of bitlines of the array;
a first reset shift register having a plurality of outputs, each output being coupled to control a reset of some of the sensor elements that are in a respective one of the rows of the array;
a wordline shift register having a plurality of outputs, each output being coupled to control a readout of the sensor elements that are in a respective one of the rows of the array;
control logic coupled to feed (a) the reset shift register with a pair of reset bits and (b) the wordline shift register with a read bit, and to operate the reset and wordline shift registers so that the pair of reset bits and the read bit shift through their respective registers while an image frame is being captured, with one of the reset bits always being one or more rows behind the read bit, to generate a pixel reset level after each pixel integrated intensity level generated by the read bit, and the other reset bit being one or more rows ahead of the read bit, to mark the start of integration;

signal and image processing circuitry coupled to the plurality of bitlines to digitize pixel levels produced by the sensor array;

a system controller coupled to control the sensor array and control logic so that pixel levels are read from the array one row at a time, the controller being further coupled to control the signal and image processing circuitry to enable formation of a digital image file;

a host computer interface coupled to the system controller to pass the digital image file to a host computer ; and

a local user interface of the system, being coupled to the system controller.

28. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the plurality of sensor elements of the color sensor array are of red, green, and blue colors.

29. (New) The system of claim 28 wherein the plurality of sensor elements are CMOS active pixel elements with an RGB color filter array that has a Bayer pattern, the sensor array having no more than two reset metal lines for each row.

30. (New) The system of claim 27 further comprising second and third reset shift registers each having a plurality of outputs, each of first, second, and third registers being coupled to control a reset of sensor elements of only one color, wherein the control logic is further coupled to feed (a) the second reset shift register with a pair of reset bits and (b) the third reset shift register with only one reset bit, and wherein the sensor elements whose reset is controlled by the third reset shift register have the longest integration time of the array.